GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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Share of Muslims in Employment
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per data of census 2011, Muslims have the least share of working people about 33% among all the religious communities in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the comparative share of employment of all communities to Muslims;

(c) whether there is any reasons mentioned in the Census for low share of Muslims in employment and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether inspite of Government's efforts to increase the share of Muslims in employment in the country, the figure remains low; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken or being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a) & (b): As per data made available from under Census 2011, the comparative share of employment of all communities [Worker Population Ratio (WPR) among persons of major religious groups] is as under:

Major religious groups	WPR
Hinduism	41.0
Islam	32.6
Christianity	41.9
Sikhism	36.3
Buddhist	43.1
Jain	35.5
Other religions and persuasions	48.5
Religion not stated	31.3
All	39.8

(c): The reason for not working by an individual is not collected in the Census.

(d): As per NSS 68th Round Report of National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) on 'Employment and Unemployment Situation among Major Religious Groups in India' (July 2011 − June 2012), although there is a decrease in the Worker Population Ratio (WPR) amongst rural persons of Islamic Community, there has been an improvement of 1.1% in respect of urban persons of Islamic community as compared to NSS 66th Round of similar Report.

(e): Pursuant to the receipt of Sachar committee Report and under the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme, with a view to enhance opportunities for education, ensure an equitable share for minorities in economic activities and employment through existing and new schemes, enhanced credit support for self-employment, recruitment to State and Central Government jobs, skill development of minorities, measures for special development initiatives and affirmative action, protection and management of Waqf Properties, etc, the Government has already undertaken various schemes/initiatives for the welfare of minorities, the details of which are at Annexure.

All these schemes/initiatives are being implemented by various Ministries/Departments of the Central Government either exclusively or by earmarking of 15% of overall physical/ financial target (under the scheme) for the welfare of minorities throughout the country. These schemes are being implemented in addition to other schemes of the Central and State Governments, which are meant for different beneficiaries stipulated under such schemes without any differentiation on socio-religious ground. The details of implementation of these schemes/initiatives are available on the website of the Ministry of Minority Affairs- www.minorityaffairs.gov.in.

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